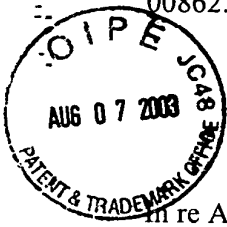


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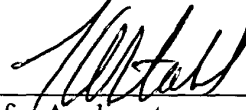
Sir:

Applicants request that the Examiner approve the change to Figure 7 as shown in red on the attached sketches, enclosed in duplicate. In Figure 7, under "FIG. 7", insert -- PRIOR ART --, as shown.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ An additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

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INDEP. CLAIMS	* 14	MINUS	*** 3	= 11	x \$42 \$84	\$924.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$140°/\$280						\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$924.00

☐ Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

☒ A check in the amount of \$ 924.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under

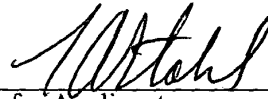
37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for a _____ month extension is enclosed.

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